

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7270

Joint Petition of Verizon New England, Inc., d/b/a)
Verizon Vermont, Certain Affiliates Thereof, and)
FairPoint Communications, Inc. for approval of an asset)
transfer, acquisition of control by merger and associated)
transactions)

Order entered: 8/14/2007

PROCEDURAL ORDER ON MOTION TO WITHDRAW

This Docket concerns a Joint Petition filed by Verizon New England, Inc., d/b/a Verizon Vermont ("Verizon New England"), NYNEX Long Distance Company ("NYNEX Long Distance"), Verizon Select Services, Inc. ("VSSI"), Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. ("BACI"),¹ and FairPoint Communications, Inc. ("FairPoint"), Northern New England SpinCo, Inc. ("Spinco"), Northern New England Telephone Operations, Inc. ("Telco"), and Enhanced Communications of Northern New England, Inc. ("Newco") for approval of the transfer of Verizon's local exchange and long distance businesses in Vermont to companies controlled by FairPoint; and for such other approvals as may be necessary to complete the transaction described in the joint petition.

In an Order issued on March 28, 2007, we approved intervention by Level 3 Communications, LLC ("Level 3"). On July 25, 2007, Level 3 filed a "Motion to Withdraw its Intervention." Level 3 explained that its original interest in this docket, protecting its existing interconnection rights, had been satisfied through discussions with FairPoint. No party has opposed the motion.

We understand Level 3's Motion as seeking to terminate party status in this proceeding.²

1. Hereafter, collectively referred to as "Verizon".

2. Level 3's Motion to Intervene has been granted, and cannot be withdrawn.

Since no party has objected, the motion is granted, and Level 3 is no longer a party to this proceeding.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 14th day of August, 2007.

<u>s/James Volz</u>)	
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<u>s/David C. Coen</u>)	BOARD
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<u>s/John D. Burke</u>)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: August 14, 2007

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within thirty days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further Order by this Board or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within ten days of the date of this decision and order.